

What noways maketh comparat
iectyues be nere that betokeneth
ge that ma be made more or lesse a
Conterfe rest blacke blacker black



How many degrees of comparisons be ther
the posyue the comparatyue and the superlat

How know you the posityue degre: for he is
groude & p beginyng c al other degrees of cōpa

How know you p cōparatyue degre: for he
lyth his posityue .i. in this englysh he more or his
glysh he endeth in R as more wyse or wyser.

How we knowe you the superlatyue degre: fo
passyth his posityue with this englysh he most or
englysh he endyth in yst as moste feyre or feyryst
ste whyte or whytyst.

Of whome is the cōparatyue degre formpd
the fyrste case of his posityue that endyth in I pl
be declined by puttyng to or and vs as notatiu
bus a ū genytyuo albi put therto or and vs & it
be huc et huc albi or et hoc albi. Notatiuo hic et
tenuis & hoc tenue genitiuo hui tenuis datiuo h
tenui put therto or and vs and it wylbe hic & hec
nuioz & hoc tenui. Out of theis rule be except bo
that makith melo malus peioz magnus maioz p
uus mino multus plus dexter dexterior sinister
terior potis potior Iuuenis Iunior and senex se
or hiche lackyth the neutur gender in vs also
superlatyue degre Adiectyues compourde of
dico and loquoz frowe the cōparatiue
latyue degre of the datyue case of the parti

maledicus beneuolus banfloquus with
 lyke forme the cōparatyue & the suplatyue:
 dictyus haupng a wo before vs haue nether
 aratyue nor superlatyue degree: but in ther
 e we muste take the posityue with this aduerbe
 gis or maxime yet somtyme of pius is fou. de pi
 n^o & of stren^o strenuissim^o Also of egregius the
 ityue is founde egregius in the comparatyue.
 Euery cōparatyue degree passyth bys posityue
 one sillabul at the leste excepte these in the versis
 omynge. 
 Superat positū tamē hec equāt posityuos.
 Junior egregius minor & peior quoq; maior
 Sic prior atq; magis s; plus minus est positius.
 Of whome shall the suplatyue degree be formed:
 his posityue declyned. of be the fyrste case that en
 h in I by puttyng to s and sumus as albi albissi
 is felici felicissim^o out of this rule be out take bo
 s that makyth optimus paruus minimus mal^o
 sumus magnus maximus multus plurim^o pot
 tissimus nequaz nequissimus also suche as hathe
 voll before vs vt supra dictum est. 
 These nowyns agilis gracilis humilis docilis &
 uilis with thier cōpōndys forme the suplatyue de
 e of the noiatyue case by puttyng awaye is. ut
 age to limus as facilis facillimus with no. plur.
 When the noiatyue case of the pōityue endyth i
 he superlatyue shalbe formyd of hym by puttyng
 rinus as pulcher plucherim^o out tal exter
 byth dextim^o sinister sinistimus i us seu

Intra sepe diu magus sic post ocis infra
 Nuper pene supra penitus citra simul v
C Subterformith subterioz seruerius secus
 ante anterioz and lackyth the superlatyue de
 rum formyth minus minimum prohem prioz
 intra interioz intimus prope propioz proximi
 intimus and proximus whenne there be the
 ue degre make intimioz proximoz and lacke
 perlatyue degre sepe sepius sepissime diu diut
 tissimus magnus magis maxime post postel
 stemus ocys ocyoz ocyssimus infra inferiorz
 nuper et pene nupertime penissime and lacky
 mparatyue degre supra superiorz superimus
 mus penitus penitioz penitissimus citra ceter
 mus vltra vltorioz vltimus extra exteriorz ext
 extrem⁹ detero bl' deter antiqua prepositio di
 deterimus.

C The comparatyue degre in vs bi puttyng
 lus may make a diminutyue as of melius m
 lus a ũ of maius maiusculus a ũ suche dimini
 be construyd with the same case that the com
 uys be that they come of.

C The comparatyue degre is construyd bi
 son of his degre with an ablatiue case and so
 with ony other case with this conuinction q̃.

C The superlatyue degre may be construed
 reason of his degre with a genityue case pl
 all casuall wordys oz an accusatyue case with

Comparatyue and the superlatyue degree be
of the signyfications maye be construyd
all casys that theyr posityue maye whyle they
ne parte of reson Inuentunt tñ aliquñ ppior
mus cū casu positiui. ¶

Am es fui esse futur⁹ Indicatiuo modo tem
poze presenti sum I am es est. In plri sumus
it. Pretito imperfecto erā eras erat In plri era
rat⁹ erāt. Pretito pfecto fui fuisti fuit. In plri
fuistis fuerūt vel fuere. Pretito plusq̃fecto
eras rat. In plri ram⁹ rat⁹ rāt. Futuro ero er⁹
in plri erim⁹ erit⁹ erūt. Impatiuo modo sis
In plri sim⁹ este sint Futuro esto tu vllle. In
n⁹ estote sūto vlluntote. Optatiuo modo vt
sem ses set. In plri sem⁹ setis sent Pretito im
cū preterito pfecto vt fuerim ris rit In plri ri
tis rint. Pretito plusq̃fecto vt fuisset ses
plri sem⁹ set⁹ set. Futuro vtinā sim sis sit. In
nus set⁹ sent. Potēiali modo essem ses set In
nus sitis sint. Pretito imperfecto cū p̃tito p̃t
uissem ses set. In plri sem⁹ set⁹ sent. Pretito
pfecto fuisset ses set. In plri sem⁹ setis sent. Fu
m sis sit. In plri sim⁹ sitis sint. Cōdictiui mō
sis sit. In plri sim⁹ sit⁹ sint. Pretito ipfecto cū
ses set. In plri sem⁹ setis sent. Pretito pfecto
im ris rit In plri remus retis rent Pretito
pfecto cū fuisset ses set. In plri semus setis sent

futuro tueri / tis / tit. In p[re]s[en]tis
finitiuo modo instantis esse. Preterito
perfecto fuisse futuro / pre vel futurū esse. Geru
supinis est et vnicū p[ar]ticipiū venit a
stantiuo p[er] 10. futuro t[ame]n vt futurus.

This verbesum es fui with all his compoū
berh the Gerundiu es and the supines also the p
pull of the present tens out take absum possum a
sum but the participi of the first futur tens the
all out take possum.

Sum car. nata gerūdis atq[ue] supin

Eas t[ame]n p[re]sent absum possum quoq[ue] p[re]sent

Sed tus participans p[re]terit possum dato cū

This verbesum hath .xii. compoundes.

Adsubter potis sub in Inter de sup ob p[re].

Pro simul ad iungas ex et per teste peroto.

Adsum ades englysshed to be at p[re]sent o[ra] b
strued compynly with an ablatiue case with this
sicion In and somtyme with a datyue case engl
to helpe o[ra] to fauer. is construed also with a dat
to but e. glysshed to e[ss]e he requyret no case
felle / somtyme he is bled for his p[er]sonatyue.

Adsum sum p[re]sens nūc sum p[ro]p[ri]e nūc sumo sic

Nunc faueo venio p[ro]sum ponas aliqui.

Prima duo dant inferto quādoq[ue] datiuū.

Alit alias semp[er] ternū (nil ip[ro] beneo) vult.

Subtersū whiche is syl den fūde and subsum
pnder be construed with a datyue case onely.

Infra sub signat vel in esse latentes

Subtersū dat idē vox rara petūq[ue] datiuū


Subsum potes anglice to maye o[ra] to can

are but by the name of an
quero vel vales possum quod
um/es/ anglice to be a woe or
is construed with an ablatyue case with these pre
ons a or ab.
conspetu sum disto quoq; denotat absum
petit (a vel ab adiuncto) ferum sibi casum.
um mes/ anglice to be in is construed with a da
se but compyns with an ablatyue case with this
icion in prosum anglice to helpe or to do good by
pyreth euer a datyue case.
isum sic intra sum conduco quoq; prosum
sum ferum bult at crebreus in preeunte
atum s; prosum soli coniunge datiuo.
ferum in all his significacions is compounde of
ind sum es/ sui/ excepte he be put for pertinet for
e is compounde of in re and est somtyme he is en
ed to be present/ and thenne he gouerneth after
atyue case somtyme he is englysshed to be by
or to be different/ and then he is construed with
ue/ or elles an accusatyue case with inter/ or an
ue case with these preposicions a or ab/ some ty
thynges that be different shall be put in the no
pue case/ somtyme he is put for distat anglice to
and then the thyng that betokeneth the distam
be put in the nominatyue case excepte the Inf
mode let it and the thyng that the distaunce is
the ablatyue case with a preposicion/ and the
the distaunce is to the accusatyue cas.

Interdum si presto notans ternū petet
Hūc vult pro differt vel quartū vel ben-
Iūctis prepositis: interdū p- to recto
Quod differt at pro distat quod adest dato
w- loco signans sextū vult ad bene quai
Desum in dees anglice to lacke or to want is
pd with a datyue case of the lacker and with a
natyue case of the thyng that is lackyd excep
Defin- tyue mode let it also obsum to hurte w
ue after hym a datyue case.

Desum deficio signat simul & nocet obsum
Deficient terno vult poni resq; negata
Apte vult rectum solum ternū regit obsum
Superum anglice to be lest to renitiue or
buudant is construed with a datyue case and
me in these significacions he is put ab solutly
Pro restat supetest ternū dato sepeq; null
Hūc etiam prebet cum significabit abundi
Presum es anglice to haue preeminēs or to
rule is construyd with a datyue case.

Ternū dat presum designat preficiozq;
Presens multa significat
Propitius fortis prestans subitū quoz;
Exultans sū et persū valde si nullo idige
Volo bis volui velle d- do dū cur suph
les. Indicatio mō tēpt- pletū volo.
bis vult. In plēi volumus vultis volunt. In
imperfecto volēbas bat. In plēi bam⁹ bati

ra. In plr amicus ratis rant. Futuro
 scum opta. In m^o do btina bellem les let. In
 m^o letis. In p^oterito p^oterito caret. Pre
 pfecto in voluerim ris tu. In p^oterito p^oterito
 pfecto plus pfecto btina do. uissem les let.
 si sem^o letis sent. Futuro btina belim lis lit.
 si lim^o itis lint. Potentiali modo caret. Cou
 do modo cu belim velis lit. In plr lum^o lit. In
 rito imperfecto cu belé les let. In p^oterito lem^o letis
 p^oterito pfecto cu voluerim ris tu. In p^oterito
 itis rint. Deferito plus pfectu cu volua. e.
 i plr sem^o letis sent. Futuro cu voluero as
 si rim^o ritis rit. In finito modo velle. Pre
 pfecto plus pfectu voluisse. Futuro caret. Gerundis
 rticipalia verba sunt hec volendi do cu lupin^o
 onicu participiu venit ab hoc vbo neutro et a
 lo presentis temporis tm bt volens. 
 Ero fers tuli ferre ferendi do du latu latu fe
 rens laturus. Indicatio modo ten. porz ple
 ferz fert. In plr ferem^o fertis ferut. Preteriti
 pfecto fereba bas bat. In plr bam^o batis bant
 rito pfecto tuli tulisti tulit. In plr tulim^o tu
 tulest vt tulere. Preterito plus pfecto tulerat
 it. In plr ram^o ratis rat. Futuro ferat es ret.
 si rem^o retz ret. Imperatiuo mo fere rat. In plr
 p^o ferre freat. Futro ferto tu vel ille. In plr fers
 tro. Gerundis ferutote. Optatio mo bt ferre re
 in p^oterito rem^o retz ret. Preterito imperfecto cu p^oterito

profero ut tunc me lesset. In praesentia
 coferat rat. In praesentia ramus rat.
 tunc per error res res. In praesentia remus
 cito in caret. Profecto tunc
 isti semel set rem. Praeterito plusquamperfecto tulisse ses
 In praesentia semel setis sent. Futuro ferat rat. In praesentia
 ramus rat. Coictiuo modo cum ferat rat.
 amus ratis rant. Praeterito imperfecto cum ferre res
 praesentia remus setis rent. Praeterito perfectum cum tuleris
 In praesentia rimus rit. Praeterito plusquamperfecto cum
 semel ses set. In praesentia remus setis sent. Futuro cum tui
 ris rit. In praesentia tulerim rit. In finito modo
 re. Praeterito perfectum et plusquamperfectum tulisse. Futuro
 turum esse. Gerundia vel participalia verba sunt hec
 rendi dum. Supina latum latu. Duo partici
 veniunt ab hoc verbo activo et anomalo praesentis
 ferens futuri ut laturus.

Quot significationes habet fero.

Dico gero patior cupio fero significaba

Quot componit habet ero.

His fero componas ad ab initio eo et quo

De his in ob id post per trans iungito sub

Assero fers anglice to

strued with an accus

tyne in the tyde of t

latyne with this pre

Assert apporto quia petit atque datu

Sine loco terni quartu tamen in bel ad gode

Assero fers anglice to take a wave
 e is construy with a datyue case

301.
 302.
 303.

to come or to talk with all
an accusative case is not
empty he signifyeth to

This is a very old and worn manuscript page, likely from a 16th-century book. The text is written in a Gothic script, which is a common style for the period. The page is heavily damaged, with significant portions of the text obscured by large, dark stains and holes. The visible text is arranged in several lines, with some words appearing to be in a different script or language than the main body of text. The overall appearance is that of a well-used and aged historical document.





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quartū tolle futor aufero signans

Interdum. ^{cu} is prep. sito pcedit
fero. ^{pono} with a. ante pre. nost is constru
with an accusatye and a datue case also prefero
yned with me te se. s oz vos is anglisshyd to she
e ant. wll haue besyd. e pronounne an other ac
latye case som tyme. h out ony of these pnow
s he is englisshyd to she
ere post ante retro com
At etia quaterd: signa
hic bñs. h. duplicē
Confero fers anglice
construyd with an acc.
with cū & som tyme wyth
ter. And ofte tymes the
pressyd but vnderstand.
crybe to put or to put bypon an
doubly accusatye case of the n
o with this preposicion. parall
are and a constru with an accusatye and a da
ue oz enis with an accusatye and an adlatiue ca
with this preposicion cu and he signifyeth to byrn
e to gether a. d. thence he is constru with an accu
tyue case many tymes with two of the whiche the
treut wll haue a preposicion som tyme he signify
th to giue and thence he is constru with an accu
tyue & a datye som tyme in the stede of the daty
case h. wll haue an accusatye case wll. his pre
pon in also he signifyeth to be good oz yollome

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his pre
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roz and is contrued with a datyue case oz an
ue case/ with this preposicion ad/ also ioyned w
of these accusatyue cases me/te/se/nos oz vos he
fyeth to go.    

Confero couenio quartū (quē sepe taces) dat.

Cū iuncto (et sextū) crebri quartū dat et inter

Ascribens duplicē quartum ac in cōparocuart

Ac ternū seu cum sexto: pro dono datium

Cum quarto vel pro tertio quartum petit inqz




Ternum conduces aut ad quarto sibi poscit

Me/te/se/nos, vos/illi iunctis notat ire.

Ceffero fers/ anglice to brynge foz the to bere fo
oz to fetch foz the to prepe oz to exalt is contrued

accusatyue case anglice to translate one langa

to an other is cōstrued with an accusatyue case an

adlatyue with a preposicion.   






Effert extra fert extollo notans dato quarto

Quem pro verbo dat ac fertū cum ppositura.

Circumfero fers/ anglice to bere aboute to tpre
bode is contrued with an accusatyue case.

Circumfero fers/ anglice to bere aboute to tpre

Et solū quartum patitur iungi sibi casum.

Defero anglice to bere oz to brynge/ is const
with a doubell accusatyue case of the whiche the la
will haue this preposicion ad/ or in before hym an
ce to vtter oz accuse is cōstrued with an accusatyue
a datyue case/ oz elles with a doubell accusatyue
of the whiche the latter will haue this preposicion
before hym.     

Defero porto notans alteri quarto dat in ad be

Inūq̃ quartū sed tunc ad p̃elider m̃
fero fers / anglice to differ is construed with an
accusative case with this preposicion inter or with an
accusative case with a preposicion anglice to tere or to
be is construed with an accusative case anglice to
longe he is construed with a double accusative ca-
se the whiche the latter wyll haue this preposicion
before hym.

Differo pro disco quartū vult inter ad acto
vel sextū cum preposito: protraho quartos.

Vult geminos quartū sextum cū diuido signat
Infero fers / anglice to bynge in / to bere in / to set
in in / or to cōclude / or to put in is construed with an
accusative case anglice to do or to make is con-
strued with an accusative & a dative case / also ioyned with
te se nos or bos he singifyeth to go in or to come in

Infero impoꝛto deduco immitto notalis vult

Quartū: quē facio signans petit atq; datiuū

De te se nos bos adiunctis denotat ire.

Offero fers anglice to offer or to profer is constru-
ed with an accusative and a dative case also ioyned
with these accusative cases me te se nos or bos he sig-
fieth to mete is construed with a dative case.

Immololo polleo: vel p̃origo iungim⁹ offero

Quarto cū terro: quos postulat obuia signans.

Defero fers anglice to sheue or to bynge forth to
olonge to put of or to deferre is construed with an ac-
cusative case.

Profero protulo parit eloquo: adito quarto

Suffero fers anglice to suffer to bere by or oute

Transfero anglice to suffer grethly is to be
an accusatyue case anglice to bere or to byrge is
construyd with a dobyll accusatyue case of the whiche
latter wyll haue this preposition ad before hym.

Transfero ppetioz signans quartu petit apte.

At duplicē dō porto notat dabis adqz secūdo.

Transfero anglice to ascribe to put to or to put
pon also to bere or to cary ouer is construyd with
dobyll accusatyue case of the whiche the latter wyll
haue this preposition ad or ad before hym also he sig
nifyeth to translate one langage in to a nother and
is construyd with an accusatyue and an ablatyue ca
se with a preposition sumtyme he hathe also a seco
de accusatyue case with in.

Transfero traicio si ascribo bene quartos.

Vult binos quoz postrem⁹ ad in be requirit.

Pro berto quartu ac sextu cū ppositis dat

Refero anglice to tel is construid with an accusa
tyue case and a datyue anglice to byrge agayne is
construyd with an accusatyue and a datyue case and
somtyme in the stede of the datyue case he wyll haue
an accusatiue with this preposition ad anglice to put
in arbitrimēt he is construyd with a dobyll accusa
tyue case of the whiche the latter wyll haue this pre
position ad before hym And somtyme in the stede of
the fyrste accusatyue case he wyll haue an ablatyue
with this prepositiō de Also ioyned with these wo
rds gratis or nat he signifyeth to quight and is
construyd with a datyue case also ioyned with mot

Partes refert signas quartu dabit atqz datiuu
 Quis propropto regit vel quartu vel ad vice int
 Coniun pons duplices in posci quartu
 Ad prebes alteri septu aut cu de vice quarti
 Gratia pat iunctis cu terno reddo bicein lat
Edo es edi esse essendi do u esu esu bel estu estu
 edens esurus vel esurus. Indicatiuo mo edo
 Jete es est. In plci dim⁹ est dnt. Pretito ipcto ede
 da bas bat. In plci bam⁹ da. Pretito pcto edi
 disti dit. In plci dim⁹ distis derut bel dere. Preteri
 to plusq pfecto ederā ras rat In plurali ramus rat
 rant. Futuro edam des det. In plci dem⁹ dens det.
 Impatiuo mo es ete thou edat In plci edamus esse
 edat. Futuro esto tu vl ille. In plci dam⁹ estote edū
 to bel edūto. Optatiuo mo vl esse ses set. In plci se
 m⁹ setis sent Pretérito imperfecto cu pterito pcto vl
 ederi ris rit. In plci rim⁹ rit rint. Pretito plusq p
 fcto vl edisse ses set. In plci sem⁹ set set. Futro vl edā
 das dat. In plci dam⁹ datis dant. De entia mo te
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 cto cu derim ris rit. In plci cu rimus ritis rint.
 Pretérito plusq pfecto cu edissem ses set In plura

rali rimus ritis rint. Infinitiuo modo temp
 senti esse to ete. Preterito pfecto et plusq̄ pfer
 se to haue eton oꝝ had eton. Futuro esurum vel
 rum esse. Gerundia vel participia verba sut t
 sēi do dū. Supina esum esu vel estum tu. Duo
 ticipia veniunt ab hoc verbo neutro ⁊ anomali
 sentis temporis vt edens. Futuro vt esurus vel
 rus.

E Io sis factus sum fieri factum tu factus
 rus. Indicatiuo modo tempore presēti fi
 sit. In plurali simus sitis fiunt. Preterito imp
 eto fiebam ebas ebat. In plurali bamus batis l
 Preterito perfecto factus suz vel fui tus es vl
 tuse est vel fuit. In plurali ti simus vel fuimus
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¶ Finis.

¶ Emprynted by Rycharde Pynson.

